Increased problems reported with cattle

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

There are serious problems facing the cattle industry in this county. Last week there were twenty-nine herds with brucellosis (Bangs) in Virginia. Nine of these were in Appomattox County.

This is a disease not only of cattle, but of man. In humans it's called undulant fever. It is the human aspect that makes it so important to eliminate the disease.

There are a list of 'No-No's' that every cattleman needs to understand and follow:

1. Purchase cattle that have a negative test for bangs.
2. Vaccinate all heifers between 4 and 12 months of age; Preferably at 6 months of age.
3. Isolate and retest all herd replacements (heifers and bulls) 30 to 60 days following purchase.
4. Insist on vaccinated heifers when buying replacements.
5. Transport cattle in vehicles that are clean and have been disinfected.
6. Keep visitors out of the livestock area.
7. Don't exchange bulls.
8. Keep fences in good repair. This keeps your cattle in and the neighbors cattle out of your pasture.
9. Separate animals before calving if possible.
10. Cows that abort, calve early or have difficulty getting bred should be examined by your veterinarian.
11. Obey quarantine and shipping rules.
12. Encourage others to cooperate in the fight to wipe out brucellosis.

I can't over-emphasize the importance of every cattle owner being aware of the problem and to begin positive action. Again, **the first step is vaccinate every heifer.**

There are 37,000 cattle herds in Virginia and only 80 are certified herds. Certified herds are herds that test annually and are clean.

Calfhood vaccination will have a "shield" tattoo and orange tag in their right ear.

Females sold on the open market 12 months and older will require a negative test before leaving the market.

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Cattlemen need to check their holding chutes. Years ago when calfhood vaccination only required a shot and an ear notch, you could do on truck. Now these females must be tattooed. You must have a holding chute. Stop by and pick up a copy of Publication 163, "Beef Cattle Corrals." Get ready before spring "breaks" and there isn't time.

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The Junior Bull and Heifer Sale is this Saturday, noon, at the Red House Bull Evaluation Center. This is a top group of animals that you will want to see.

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Now is the time to get some clover in pasture and hayland. Cut out the charge for nitrogen and grow your own. Here are the steps:

1. Minimize competition--have land grazed close.
2. Get seed in by March 10.
3. Be sure lime is adequate.
4. Seed where fertilizer is sufficient.
5. Use 2-3 pounds of red clover and 1-½ to 2 pounds giant white clover (Tillman or Ladino).
6. Use a cyclone seeder and spike tooth harrow or disc seed and drag or use a wheat drill.
7. Cover seed ¼ to ½ inch deep.

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Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK H. SWEET
Extension Agent

4-H Strawberry plants should arrive this week. Those ordering plants will be notified when the plants come. The strawberry plants will be picked up from the County Extension Office. 4-H families will receive almost 7000 strawberry plants through this program.

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A special 4-H Leader Dog Training program will be held in the Lynchburg area beginning near the end of March. The purpose of this training program will be to trainseveral adults in each county surrounding Lynchburg in the skills needed to teach a dog obedience class. The adults would then be asked to help train 4-H members in dog obedience. More details will be available on this program in the near future. Adults interested are asked to call the Extension Office at 352-8244.

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The Spring Area Adult Volunteer Leaders meeting for our leaders will be held on Wednesday evening, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building in Rustburg. The program for the meeting will include learning sessions on one of the following program areas: Economics, Jobs and Careers, Animal and Plant Science, Natural Resources and Home and Family Resources. Each leader participating will select the program area they would like to attend. Special information will be sent to Appomattox volunteer leaders.

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One hundred and seventy four 4-H'ers will be building bluebird houses this month. This should surely help to increase the bluebird numbers in Central Virginia and help to keep down the number of mosquitoes and gnats.

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The search is still on for 4-H volunteers to assist with 4-Camp during the week of June 15-19. Adult volunteers, look for a fun-filled but tiring week--you will enjoy yourselves immensely at 4-H Camp. Give us a call if you're interested.

The County Junior 4-H Demonstration-Illustrated Talk Contest will be held on Saturday, March 28, at Appomattox Elementary School. 4-H'ers should begin making plans to participate in this program.

White reports for duty

Marine Pvt. James R. White, son of Laura I. Jones of Route 1, Box 184BB, Appomattox, Va., has reported for duty with 2nd Tank Battalion, Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Memorial UMC sets revival

Memorial United Methodist Church of Appomattox will hold a revival March 8-12, 7:30 p.m. each night.

The revival will begin with a

Rev. Hugh Paschall

prayer and devotional period each night at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The revival worship service will be at 7:30 p.m. Our guest preacher is the Rev. Mr. Hugh Paschall of the Farmville United Methodist Church.

The congregation is then invited to a fellowship sharing period at 8:15. this is an informal time with Mr. Paschall, ending at 9:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Nursery services will be provided.

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ASCS financing provides flexibility

By TOM CONRAD

ASCS Financing Provides Flexibility - If farmers have adequate on-farm storage, they have greater crop handling flexibility at harvesttime. Field losses can also be reduced by harvesting when crops are ready.

ASCS realizes this fact and offers loans to help farmers buy, build, or remodel on-farm storage facilities to economically produce, store, feed, and market grain and roughages. Also, grain handling and drying equipment items are also eligible.

The maximum loan amount is 85 percent of the net cost of the structures and related equipment, not to exceed $100,000 per person. The remaining 15 percent of the cost must be paid in cash by the farmer before the loan is disbursed.

Loan repayment terms allow for a maximum of seven equal installments over a period of eight years. Applications must be filed within 30 days of the time the structure and equipment are delivered to the farm. The current interest rate is 12.5 percent simple interest computed on the unpaid balance.

A visit to your local ASCS office could prove very helpful, if flexibility in your farming operation is one of your goals.

Measurement service - Tobacco farms will again this year be checked to determine acreage and price support eligibility.

ASCS offers measurement service to stake and tie requested acreages. The services guarantees program compliance and should be considered if one is in doubt of acreages.

Prices are as follows:

1. Tobacco - The larger of $14.50 per farm or $5.95 per farm plus $2.15 per acre without skip rows or $2.50 with skip rows.
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Put in your request now, before you plant your spring crops, to be sure of your acreage.

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ASCS Today

Galilee Church news

A very large crowd attended the anniversary celebration of the Galilee Church Usher Board last Sunday at 3 p.m. Miss Charlotte Hamlet served as mistress of ceremony. The following program was presented: a call to worship, mistress of ceremony; opening selection, Galilee Senior Choir; scripture, Miss Valarie Stevens; prayer, master Belton Hamlet; selection, choir; welcome address, Mrs. Bessie Watson; response, Mr. Wills Hamlet; selection, choir; history, Mrs. Dorothy Stevens; introduction of special guest, Mrs. Delores Bagby; greetings from the following usher boards: First Baptist, Chestnut Grove, Zion Baptist, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Obed, Jordan, Mt. Zion (Red House), Promise Land, Morning Star, Canaan, and Peaceful Grove. Offering, Mrs. Bernice Lawing. Mrs. Gladys Garland and Miss Nadine Fleshman, offertory prayer, Rev. A. E. Davis. Part two of the program was given by the special guest. Closing remarks were given by pastor Lawing and Davis. All present enjoyed the entire program.

The public is cordially invited to attend the ordination service next Sunday at the Galilee Baptist Church of three young men as deacons. The Rev. S. C. Terry and his male chorus will be the special guest.

Impressive service was held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The assistant pastor, Rev. Dayis delivered a challenging sermon on the subject the "one talent man."

Members and friends of Promise Land are asked to attend regular preaching this second Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Sunday schools of the East and West Bound Sunday School are reminded that the next meeting will be the fifth Sunday in March at 10 a.m. at Galilee Church. Each superintendent is urged to have his school represented.

Mrs. Artie Burgess of Washington, D.C. spent the week end here visiting her sister, Mrs. Bernice Lawing and her brother, Mr. John Lewis.

Mr. Daniel Tanner of Richmond spent the week here as the guest of his brothers. He also attended service at Galilee.

Mrs. Mildred Hooloman of Philadelphia motored to Roanoke, Va. to visit her sister, Pearl Watson.

Music students chosen

Seven students from the class of Mrs. Virginia Carnefix have been chosen to perform in a piano master class at Longwood College on Saturday, March 7. Each student will perform from memory two pieces from Intermediate to Early Advanced levels. Mrs. Pauline Haga, music instructor at Longwood will conduct the workshop.

Students will be performing as follows: JoEllen Garrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Garrett, will perform "Moderato" from Sonatina In G by Beethoven and Wiegenlied" by Schumann; Anne Hancock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hancock, will be playing "Sonatina" in Am by Kabalevsky and "Allegro Spiritoso" from Sonatina In C Op. 36 No. 1 by Clementi; Brett Marston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marston, will perform "The Wild Horseman" by Schumann and "Little Prelude in C" by Bach; Lisa Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Rogers has prepared "Invention in F Major" by Bach and "Allegro Confuoco" from Sonatina by Spindler; Kathy White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence White, will play "Toccatina" by Kabalevsky and "Musette" by Bach; Sherry Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Wilcox, has prepared "Moderato" from Sonatina in G by Beethoven and "The Merry Farmer" by Schumann; Lisa Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williamson, will perform "Prelude in C" from the Well-Tempered Clavichord by Bach and "Andante" from Sonatina in C op. 36 No. 1 by Clementi.

These students will be joined for lunch and the master class by five students from the class of Mrs. Martha Turney of Hampden-Sydney. The master class will be audited by Mrs. Haga's piano majors from Longwood.

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